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COMPOSITIONS FOR USE THEREOF

Examiner: Channing Mahatan

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004, the claims of Invention Group I (claims 1-9) are elected for prosecution in this application.

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A prompt Official Action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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